

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

IRWM Grant Program - Planning Grant, Round 2, FY 2011-2012

ApplicantMariposa County ResourceCountyMariposa

Conservation District Grant Request \$ 823,019

Project Title Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Total Project Cost \$ 1,159,022

Regional Water Management Plan

<u>Project Description</u> To complete an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan for the Yosemite-Mariposa Region, within the established county line boundaries approved during the Regional Acceptance Process. This will be the first IRWM Plan for this region.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	12
DAC Involvement	10
Schedule	5
Budget	8
Program Preferences	5
Tie Breaker	0
Total Score	40

- ➤ Work Plan The criterion is fully addressed but not supported by thorough documentation or sufficient rationale. The proposed work is broken into 4 tasks (grant administration, project administration, stakeholder outreach and participation, and IRWMP preparation), which will be executed in 2 phases: Phase 1, Facilitation Support Services; and Phase 2, IRWM Plan Preparation. The outreach plan appears to be very inclusive and comprehensive. However, the deliverables for Task 3, Stakeholder Outreach and Participation, are unclear. Table 1 in the Work Plan implies that each of the 16 IRWM Plan Standards will be formulated in the 20 Stakeholder Meetings described in Task 3.2.; yet, the "Responsibilities" (deliverables) identified in Task 3.2 do not reflect this.
- ▶ <u>DAC Involvement</u> The criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation and logical rationale. Although the entire region meets the definition of a DAC, four communities that are particularly disadvantaged are highlighted. The work plan includes identification of any additional DACs and the organizations or institutions that represent them, outreach, identification of barriers to DAC participation, and finding resources to help overcome these barriers. It is evident that the region is planning to make a serious effort to identify the barriers that may restrict DAC participation and eliminate them.
- Schedule The criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation and logical rationale. The schedule corresponds with the work plan. The schedule assumes work starts on 08/06/2012. The IRWMP is scheduled to be completed within 2 years of the agreement date and within 20 months after the awarding of the grant. The applicant plans to begin the process before the grant is awarded to support adoption of an IRWMP by April 2014.
- ▶ <u>Budget</u> The criterion is fully addressed but not supported by thorough documentation or sufficient rationale. The budget generally agrees with the schedule and work plan. However, the \$164,915 listed as "Historical In-Kind Costs" in Table 1 of the Project Budget are grouped outside of the Work Plan Tasks, making it unclear how these costs correspond with the anticipated work products.



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- **Program Preference** The proposal sufficiently demonstrates that 13 of the 15 preferences will be met.
- > <u>Tie Breaker</u> Not Applicable.